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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: MARCH PREPARATORY MEETING:
ATTENDANCE BY FAO CONSULTANT; ANTARCTIC MARINE
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1. FAO CONSULTANT: WITHOUT REFERRING TO FRENCH
DEMARCHE, WE DISCUSSED U.S. VIEWS ON ATTENDANCE BY FAO
CONSULTANT POPPER WITH JOHN HEAP, FCO, MARCH 4. HEAP
SAID THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT POPPER WILL BE AD-
MITTED TO MEETING AS OBSERVER. HEAP SUGGESTED HOWEVER
THAT HE BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ANY GROUP
OF DELEGATES THAT WISH TO HEAR FROM HIM. THIS WOULD NOT

NECESSARILY BE IN A FORMALLY CHAIRED MEETING. HEAP, WHO WILL NOT BE IN THE CHAIR, WILL PROBABLY PROPOSE THAT HE FORMALLY INTRODUCE POPPER TO THE GROUP AND THEN HOST INFORMAL SESSION WITH HIM. THIS CAN BE FOLLOWED UP BY PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF POPPER'S VIEWS IN LATER SESSION OF PREPARATORY MEETING. SHOULD GROUP WISH TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO POPPER FOLLOWING THIS PRIVATE SESSION, ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING COULD BE CONVENED.

2. ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES: DRAWING UPON REFTEL B, WE REITERATED TO HEAP USG APPRECIATION OF HIS EFFORTS ON DRAFT UK PAPER AND OUTLINED DEPARTMENT'S THOUGHTS ABOUT POSSIBLE US INITIATIVE. HEAP DESCRIBED OUR COMMENTS AS VERY HELPFUL AND ASKED US TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT "VERY MUCH" FOR ITS PROMPT RESPONSE TO HIS SUGGESTION. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR US REACTION BEFORE DECIDING WHAT UK POSITION SHOULD BE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT UK PAPER MIGHT CONCEIVABLY PREJUDICE DEVELOPMENT OF MEANINGFUL ENFORCEMENT REGIME. THERE MAY BE, FOR EXAMPLE, STUMBLING BLOCKS INHERENT IN LINKAGE BETWEEN SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF CATCH STATISTICS AND COMMISSION DECISIONS TO IMPLEMENT ENFORCEMENT MEASURES WHICH WOULD REDUCE SCOPE FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION. HE IS CONSIDERING WHETHER HE CAN REDRAFT PAPER IN A FORM THAT WILL NOT FRIGHTEN OFF LESS COMMITTED TREATY MEMBERS WHILE AT SAME TIME MAKING IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO HIS PERCEPTION OF U.S. NEEDS.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, HEAP CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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A "USEFUL FIRST MEASURE" FOR U.S. TO CIRCULATE AN OUTLINE OF QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE ANSWERED IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE SOUTHERN OCEAN. HE "URGED" THAT U.S. DELEGATION BE PREPARED TO TABLE THESE QUESTIONS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT U.S. AND UK DELS GET TOGETHER EITHER PRIOR TO OR DURING EARLY STAGES OF MEETING TO CONSIDER WHETHER UK DRAFT AS ALREADY CIRCULATED WOULD BE USEFUL OR WHETHER SOME NEW DRAFT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. HEAP WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO LONDON ON SUNDAY MARCH 13 TO TAKE PART IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

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4. GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING: HEAP HAS HEARD NOTHING YET
FROM SCAR IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER OF FEBRUARY 1 TO ITS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GEORGE HEMMAN (AS CONTAINED REFTEL E).
HE HAS, HOWEVER, RECEIVED LETTER FROM SCAR PRESIDENT
GJELSVIK WHO "SUGGESTED STRONGLY" THAT GROUP OF EXPERTS
NEED TO AVOID DUPLICATING WORK OF SCAR. GJELSVIK SAID
GROUP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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ASPECTS OF ANTARCTIC MINERAL DEVELOPMENT. HEAP SAID THAT

IMPRESSION THAT US DOES NOT LIKE IDEA OF DISCUSSING
ECONOMIC SIDE OF THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF ITS PROBLEMATIC
NATURE. HEAP HAS DRAFTED DETAILED OUTLINE OF TERMS

OF REFERENCE FOR GROUP OF EXPERTS BASED ON GJELSVIK'S COMMENTS. HE IS HOWEVER VERY UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF THE PAPER AND IS "VERY KEEN" TO DISCUSS IT WITH US DEL BEFORE TABLING IT AT MARCH MEETING. HE IS SENDING COPIES TO GJELSVIK AND EMBASSY. WE WILL CABLE PERTINENT PORTIONS ON RECEIPT.

5. AS ABOVE WAS BEING TYPED, WE WERE GIVEN STATE A-840 WHICH WAS NOT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY UNTIL LATE MARCH 3. WE ARE HAVING COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY HAND DELIVERED TO HEAP THIS AFTERNOON.

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